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REMARKS: ARA's Draft Reply  
to a letter from  
Cardinal Arns to  
President Carter.



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RF(leb)MEMORANDUM FOR DR. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI  
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Letter to the President from Cardinal Arns

Attached is a letter from Paulo Cardinal Arns, Archbishop of Sao Paulo, Brazil, including a list of disappeared persons since 1971. Cardinal Arns has been a staunch defender of human rights in Brazil. He was honored, with President Carter, when Notre Dame conferred an honorary degree on him last spring for his work on behalf of human rights.

We obtained a list of disappeared persons in Brazil in January 1975; at that time the list was presented to the leadership of the opposition party (MDB) by representatives of the families of the missing persons. Cardinal Arns' list includes all of those names and adds four new ones, three who disappeared before 1973 and one who disappeared in 1975.

Cardinal Arns' letter refers to one of the missing persons, Paulo Stuart Wright, as an American citizen. Mr. Wright was born in Brazil of American missionary parents and consequently acquired dual nationality. In the early 1960's he ran for and was elected to the state legislature in Santa Catarina. Although no formal determination concerning Mr. Wright's citizenship has been made, by this act he may have expatriated himself. Our Embassy in Brasilia has inquired several times concerning him at the Brazilian Foreign Ministry, but without learning any more about his fate.

A draft reply for the President's signature is attached.

*Peter Tarnoff*  
Peter Tarnoff  
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Draft Reply.
2. Letter from Cardinal Arns.

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DRAFT REPLY

Dear Cardinal Arns:

Thank you for your letter of October 29 bringing to my attention a list of Brazilian political prisoners who have disappeared since 1971. These cases emphasize the critical importance of the rule of law, and that the law afford due process through independent, civilian courts, including the right of habeas corpus. Although such measures might not totally eliminate the abuse of basic human rights, they at least would manifest a government's dedication to an orderly system of equitable justice.

Your stand for the protection and respect of human dignity is a source of inspiration and comfort. I was proud to share the podium with you at the University of Notre Dame. I wish you the greatest success in your efforts to engender greater respect for the rights of all human beings, to help those who have been abused in some way, and to comfort their families.

I regret that I was not able to visit Brazil this fall, but I hope to visit next year. When I do, I hope that our schedules will allow us to meet again.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Carter

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<p>A couple of days ago I received by hand the attached letter addressed to the President by Cardinal Arns. I believe that the person who gave it to me received it from James Nelson Wright, who lives in Sao Paulo and who is mentioned in the letter. I came to know him well several years ago, when he was trying to find his brother, Paulo Stuart Wright.</p> <p>The attached is a copy. I am sending the original to Bob Zimmerman, for passing on to the White House.</p>						
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DO  
CARDEAL ARCEBISPO  
DE  
SÃO PAULO

October 29, 1977

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Mr. President,

Grace and peace be with you!

I write to you as a friend and brother in Christ, remembering with joy the moments we shared together at the University of Notre Dame.

In the last few years I have had the sad privilege of giving pastoral counsel and comfort to many relatives and friends of disappeared political prisoners. Included among these disappeared political prisoners is a citizen of your Country, Paulo Stuart Wright, brother of my friend James Nelson Wright, a United Presbyterian minister who lives here in São Paulo.

Although it is not my intention to suggest that you interfere on behalf of these disappeared political prisoners, I do believe that you should be aware of the fact that we still carry this burden in our hearts together with relatives and friends.

The accompanying list of disappeared political prisoners was prepared and updated last week by a group of lawyers of my Archdiocese. One of the common traits in all cases is the fact that there is evidence that each one was arrested by police and security forces - after which they disappeared.

We pray that your forthcoming visit to my Country may be a mutual blessing: benefitting our suffering people and enhancing your ministry in the area of human rights.

Fraternally yours,

*Paulo Evaristo Card. Arns*  
Paulo Evaristo, CARDINAL ARNS

Archbishop of São Paulo

BRAZIL

(Enclosure)

President Jimmy Carter  
The White House  
WASHINGTON, D.C. - U. S. A.

DISAPPEARED BRAZILIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS  
(In Chronological Order of Arrest/Disappearance)

1. RUBENS BEYRODT PAIVA, born on December 26, 1929, son of Jayme Almeida Paiva and Aracy Beyrodt Paiva. Civil engineer and Federal Congressman elected in 1962 by the State of São Paulo. His seat in Congress was taken away from him ("cassado") in 1964. He was arrested at his Rio de Janeiro home on January 20, 1971. He was seen by a witness on January 22 and 23, 1971, in the DOI-CODI, I Army, Rio.
2. PAULO DE TARCO CELESTINO DA SILVA, born on May 26, 1944, in Mbirrinhos, State of Goiás, son of Pedro Celestino da Silva Filho and Zuleika Borges Pereira Celestino. Graduated as a lawyer from the University of Brasilia, in 1967. Was arrested on the 27th or 28th of July, 1971, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, and was taken to DOI-CODI, I Army, Rio. Hasn't been seen since.
3. ISIS DIAS DE OLIVEIRA, born on August 29, 1941, in São Paulo, daughter of Edmundo Dias de Oliveira and Felicia Nardini de Oliveira. Student of social sciences at the University of São Paulo. She was arrested on January 31, 1971, in Rio de Janeiro, and disappeared after that.
4. PAULO STUART WRIGHT, born on July 2, 1933, in Joaçaba, State of Santa Catarina, son of Latham Ephraim Wright and Maggie Belle Wright. Was State Congressman in the State of Santa Catarina, and had his seat taken away from him ("cassado") in 1964. Is disappeared since the first week of September, 1973, in São Paulo, where a witness saw him in DOI-CODI, II Army. Although a Brazilian citizen by Brazilian law, he never lost his North-American citizenship.
5. HUBERTO ALBUQUERQUE CAMARA NETO, born on May 28, 1947, in Campina Grande, State of Paraíba, son of Roberto Alves Camara and Marilene de Sá Leitão Camara. Member of the National Union of Students. Was arrested in Rio de Janeiro on October 8, 1973, on his way to lunch after work, after which he disappeared.
6. HONESTINO MONTEIRO GUIMARÃES, born on March 28, 1947, in Itaborai, State of Goiás, son of Benedito Monteiro Guimarães and Maria Rosa Leite Monteiro. Graduated from the University of Brasilia as a geologist. President of said university's Federation of Students in 1968 and director of the National Union of Students in 1969. Was arrested on November 8, 1973, in Rio de Janeiro, after which he disappeared.
7. CAYBI ALVES DE CASTRO, born on August 16, 1928, son of Mariano Alves de Castro and Leopoldina Ribeiro de Castro. Retired bank employee. Arrested in Rio de Janeiro on November 21, 1973, and has not been seen since.

Disappeared Brazilian Political Prisoners  
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- ✓ 8. JOÃO BAPTISTA RITA PEREIRA, born on June 24, 1948, in the State of Santa Catarina, son of Graciliano Miguel Rita and Araci Pereira Rita. Arrested on December 5, 1973, on Argentine territory. Was seen on January 12 and 13, 1974, in DOI-CODI, I Army, Rio, in the company of Joaquim Pires Cerveira.
- ✓ 9. JOAQUIM PIRES CERVEIRA, born on December 14, 1923, in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, son of Marcelo Pires and Auri-cela Goulart Cerveira. Major in the Brazilian Army, retired in 1964 by Institutional Act Nº 1. Was a Congressman elected by the Brazilian Labor Party. Arrested during the first days of December 1973, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. According to information received from the United Nations High Commissioner in Buenos Aires, there is proof that the kidnapping was carried out by Brazilian officers. He was seen on January 12 and 13, 1974, in DOI-CODI, I Army, Rio, after which he disappeared.
- ✓ 10. FERNANDO AUGUSTO DE SANTA CRUZ OLIVEIRA, 25 years old, son of Lincoln de Santa Cruz Oliveira and Elzita Santa Cruz Oliveira. Law student, employed by Rio de Janeiro's Water and Sewage Department. Arrested on February 27, 1974, in Rio, in the company of Eduardo Collier Filho, after which he disappeared.
- ✓ 11. EDUARDO COLLIER FILHO, born on December 5, 1948, in Recife, State of Pernambuco, son of Eduardo Collier and Risoleta Meira Collier. Law student. Arrested in Rio de Janeiro, on Prado Junior Street, on February 27, 1974, in the company of Fernando Augusto de Santa Cruz Oliveira, after which he disappeared.
- ✓ 12. JOÃO PASSENA MELLO, born on August 16, 1919, in the State of Pernambuco, son of Sebastião Passena de Mello and Olimpia Mello Maciel. He had been under arrest for political reasons during the period 1970-1973, when he was freed for lack of proofs. He was again arrested on April 7, 1974, in São Paulo, and has not been seen since.
- ✓ 13. LUIZ IGNACIO MARANHÃO FILHO, born on January 25, 1921, in Natal, State of Rio Grande do Norte, son of Luiz Ignacio Maranhão and Maria Salomé de Carvalho Maranhão. Journalist, lawyer and professor at the Rio Grande do Norte University. Arrested on April 7, 1974, in São Paulo, after which he disappeared.
- ✓ 14. WALTER DE SOUZA RIBEIRO, born on September 24, 1924, in the State of Minas Gerais, son of Benedito Ribeiro and Maria Natalicia Alves Ribeiro. Formerly a military officer. Was arrested on April 7, 1974, in São Paulo, and was never seen again.
- ✓ 15. LENDA SANTOS DELGADO, lawyer. She was arrested on April 18, 1974, on the Rio/São Paulo highway. She was on her way to São Paulo to visit relatives during Holy Week. She has disappeared since then.

- ✓ 16. DAVID CAPISTRANO DA COSTA, born on November 16, 1917, in the State of Ceará, son of José Capistrano da Costa and Cristina de Araújo Cirila. Journalist and former State Congressman in the State of Pernambuco. Arrested on April 19, 1974, while travelling from Uruguayans to São Paulo in the company of José Roman. Has not been seen since.
- ✓ 17. JOSÉ ROMAN, real-estate broker. Was arrested on April 19, 1974, while travelling from Uruguayans to São Paulo, in the company of David Capistrano da Costa. Has not been seen since.
- ✓ 18. WILSON SILVA, born on April 21, 1942, in São Paulo, son of João Silva and Ligia Vilça, married to ANA ROSA KUCINSKI (see nº 19). A physics graduate from the University of São Paulo, he was arrested on April 21, 1974, in São Paulo, along with his wife. Since then he and his wife have disappeared.
- ✓ 19. ANA ROSA KUCINSKI, born on January 12, 1942, in São Paulo, daughter of Major Kucinski and Esther Kucinski, married to WILSON SILVA (see nº 18). Professor of chemistry at the University of São Paulo. She was arrested in São Paulo, on April 21, 1974, along with her husband, and has not been seen since.
- ✓ 20. JOAQUIM ALFREDO DA SILVA MIRELES RATO, born on July 1, 1957, in Parintins, State of Amazonas, son of Teófilo Mireles and Maria Garcia Mireles. Graduated as a sociologist from Moscow's Central University. Condemned by Brazil's National Security Law and released during the first week of December, 1972. He was again arrested, on May 7, 1974, while driving from Rio de Janeiro to São Paulo, and has not been seen since then.
- ✓ 21. ISAMU NAKAMURA OKAMO, born on February 5, 1945, in Gravinhos, State of São Paulo, son of Hideo Okamo and Sadae Nakamura. A chemistry student at the University of São Paulo. Arrested on May 14, 1974, in São Paulo, after which he disappeared. He had previously been condemned for political reasons.
- ✓ 22. MARCELO FRASÃO SOARES, born in the State of Pernambuco, son of Mário da Silva Soares and Alice Frasão Soares. Student of engineering at the University of Pernambuco. Was arrested on May 27, 1974, by members of the Federal Police in the open market of the city of Petrolina and in the presence of several witnesses. Was taken to an unknown place and never seen again.
- ✓ 23. JOSÉ INTELLIGIO DE OLIVEIRA, belonged to the Democratic Youth of the Brazilian Democratic Movement (MDB). He was arrested on the street on September 29, 1975, and has not been seen since then.

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End of Present List

São Paulo, SP, Brasil  
October 26, 1977.